

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re of Applicant )  
Hirohisa KIKUYAMA et al. ) Art Group:  
Serial No.: )  
Filing Date: August 1, 2001 )  
Title: METHOD OF REMOVING ) Examiner:  
CALCIUM FROM WATER )  
CONTAINING CALCIUM )  
HYDROGEN CARBONATE IN )  
HIGH CONCENTRATION )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraphs into the substitute  
specification.

On Page 8, between lines 4 and 5 please insert the following  
paragraph:

--The above-mentioned and other features and advantages of  
this invention, and the manner of attaining them, will become  
more apparent and the invention will be better understood by  
reference to the following description of an embodiment of the  
invention taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings,  
wherein:--